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SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
VISIT

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1. SECRETARY'S MARCH 10-11 VISIT TO ANKARA CONTINUED TO RECEIVE
FAIRLY PROMINENT COVERAGE IN TURKISH PRESS MARCH 13, WITH
ATTENTION FOCUSED ON DIFFERING REPORTS OF HIS TALKS WITH TURKISH
LEADERS REGARDING CYPRUS AND U.S. MILITARY AID PROBLEMS.

2. NILUFER YALCIN (WELL-CONNECTED DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT FOR
MILLIYET) WROTE THAT KISSINGER BROUGHT NO RPT NO PLAN OR PROPOSAL
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FOR CYPRUS, NO RPT NO PROPOSAL OR CONCESSION FROM GREECE, AND

DEMANDED NO RPT NO CONCESSIONS FROM TURKEY. HE CAME TO ANKARA, SHE SAID, BECAUSE"...HE FELT IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH HAD BECOME 'FROZEN.'" KISSINGER, THE ACCOUNT CONTINUED, BELIEVES THAT WHILE THE CYPRUS CRISIS REMAINS UNSETTLED IT IS HARMING NOT ONLY TURKEY AND REECE, BUT ALSO THEIR ALLIES. HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT"...GREEK CYPRIOTS OTHER THAN MAKARIOS, AND ATHENS AS WELL, WANT TO REMEDY THEIR LOSSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SIT DOWN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS." YALCIN SAID KISSINGER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID HELPED BRING THE CYPRUS ISSUE TO AN IMPASSE, AND WILL DO HIS UTMOST TO HAVE THE AID RESTORED. THE PROBLEM IN CYPRUS, SHE CONCLUDED, WAS NOT RPT NOT THAT TURKEY SHOULD MAKE CONCESSIONS, BUT THAT TALKS BEGIN AND THE MAIN PROBLEM BE TAKEN UP.

3. GUNAYDIN, BASED ON AN ANKA AGENCY KISPATCH, REPORTED THAT THE GOT HAD AGREED TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS (EXCEPT FOR GIVING UP TERRITORY) DEMANDED BY KISSINGER, WHO IN RETURN HAD UNDERTAKEN TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS, RESUME U.S. MILITARY AID, AND SUPPLY URGENT NEEDS OF THE TURKISH MILITARY THROUGH GERMANY AND NATO.

4. CUMHURIYET SAID THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HAD ACHIEVED "RELATIVE SUCCESS" IN POSTPONING MEASURES AGAINST THE U.S. BASES IN TURKEY, IN EXCHANGE FOR AMERICAN HELP TO KEEP TURKEY FROM BEING "ISOLATED" AFTER PROCLAMATION OF THE FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE. ACCORDING TO A THA DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON, TURKISH OFFICIALS INFORMED KISSINGER THAT, STARTING WITH JUSMMAT, ALL U.S. FACILITIES IN TURKEY WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN IF U.S. MILITARY AID IS NOT RPT NOT RESUMED WITHIN TWO TO FIVE WEEKS.

5. FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE VISIT.

A. AHMET KAHRAMAN (YENI ORTAM) OBSERVED THAT KISSINGER MUST HAVE BEEN SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT SUCH HEAVY SECURITY MEASURES WERE NECESSARY DURING A VISIT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A "FRIENDLY AND ALLIED" COUNTRY. ERDAL CETIN (ALSO YENI ORTAM) ALLEGED THAT KISSINGER LEFT TURKEY DISAPPOINTED OVER THE FAILURE

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OF HIS "SPECIAL PLAN" FOR A COUP IN PORTUGAL, WHICH OCCURRED ON THE LAST DAY OF HIS VISIT TO ANKARA.

B. PRO-JUSTICE PARTY DAILY SON HAVADIS REMARKED THAT KISSINGER'S VISIT HAD PROVED TURKEY DID NOT RPT NOT NEED A "NATIONAL COALITION" GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ALL THE PARTIES HAD SPOKEN WITH ONE VOICE ON THE ISSUES OF CYPRUS AND THE U.S. AID CUTOFF. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO MAKE

REPAIRS IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. MACOMBER UNQUOTE
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